## LONGMEADOW CULTURAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 STORRS LIBRARY

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Caitlin Cronin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. In attendance: Caitlin Cronin, Stephanie Dealmeida, Rowland Hawthorne, Rob Humberston, Thea Katsounakis, Katherine McGonigle, Evelyn Pratt and Andrea Schultz. Absent: Peter Thomsen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Caitlin welcomed new LCC member Stephanie Dealmeida.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT:</u> A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as of April 24, 2023 and was accepted and approved as written by all those in attendance as noted above except for Thea who abstained and Peter Thomsen who is absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob gave his report. The amount for grants totaled \$14,985. Including grants paid for this cycle, before and after July 1<sup>st</sup> plus the \$2,450 being paid this week. \$9,935 will have been paid out in total. This proves to an encumbered number remaining for this cycle of \$5,050. We have no encumbered fund responsibility remaining for the 2021/22 cycle.

<u>PUBLICITY UPDATE:</u> Andrea said no publicity to report on currently. She is trying to get in the fairly new monthly publication, "Longmeadow Neighbors".

<u>2023 Grant Updates:</u> Discussion on having a non-voting youth on the Council at the grant review meetings. Recruit a high school student. Caitlin will get potential names. She will discuss with Town. We have an extra \$2,800 (extra funds) for future use to do an event, etc. Ideas on how to use the funds.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND SCHEDULE GRANT REVIEW MEETINGS: Caitlin will order Panel Books as has been done in the past to review the grant applications, and we will do the same procedure as last year where each Council member will have 3 or 4 grant applications to present. The meeting dates are as follows: Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30; Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. All meetings will be at Storrs Library.

ADJOURNED: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Elizabeth Katsounakis Secretary